

SCS SB 715 -- MEMBERS OF THE STATE MILITIA

SPONSOR: Kraus (Day)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 12 to 1.

This substitute allows the Adjutant General to waive the maximum age requirement for a member of the state militia on a case-by-case basis.

The substitute repeals the provision regarding the procedure for a member of the state military to file a complaint regarding his or her commanding officer.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that with all the deployments by the National Guard, the state militia is being utilized in disaster relief. The current age requirement limits who can serve. The bill will allow the Adjutant General to determine if an older person would be a good addition to the militia.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kraus; Missouri National Guard Association; and Dewey Rhein, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.